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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON 2007 TIP REPORT

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¶1. (U) DCM delivered reftel demarche to Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Marta Altolaquirre, informing her of the June 12 release of the 2007 TIP Report and G/TIP's decision to place Guatemala on the Tier 2 Watch List this year based on criteria outlined in reftel. Altolaquirre acknowledged that enforcement operations have not been optimal during the past year and pledged renewed efforts to secure better cooperation from the Attorney General's office, leading to investigation and prosecution of trafficking cases.

¶2. (U) Vice Minister Altolaquirre said she would review Guatemala's country narrative and seek a meeting with us in the coming days to outline a strategy for improving Guatemala's performance. Embassy will follow up with the Foreign Ministry, the Attorney General's office, and other key Guatemalan institutions to seek ways to work together to improve Guatemala's anti-trafficking efforts. DCM provided a copy of the 2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), with amendments and ranking criteria.
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